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maintaining the temperature of the first wall portion at a first temperature below the melting temperature of thermoplastic polyolefin elastomer;
maintaining the temperature of the second wall portion at a second temperature, said second temperature being substantially lower than said first temperature;

transferring said foamed thermoplastic polyolefin elastomer into said first cavity and said second cavity; and

cooling said foamed thermoplastic polyolefin elastomer to a temperature below the melting temperature of said thermoplastic polyolefin elastomer adhering to said rim portion and spoke portion of said steering wheel armature.

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